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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 454, L.D. 1507, "Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Ways to Improve Transportation for Senior Citizens"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Ways to Improve Transportation for Senior Citizens and the Disabled'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 11 members:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. When making the appointments, the President of the Senate shall give preference to members who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. When making the appointments, the Speaker of the House shall give preference to members who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation; and

3. Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:

A. One representative of local area agencies on aging;

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- 2 B. One representative from the Maine Council of Senior
- 4 Citizens;
- 6 C. One person who is a school superintendent;
- 8 D. One representative of commercial transportation
- 10 providers;
- 12 E. One representative of the Maine Association for Pupil
- 14 Transportation;
- 16 F. One representative from the Retirement Industry Advisory
- 18 Council; and
- 20 G. One representative from a statewide organization
- 22 representing persons with disabilities; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study the public and private transportation programs and services currently available to senior citizens and disabled persons in the State, identify and prioritize needs in all areas of the State and make recommendations on the funding and implementation of pilot programs in 2 rural areas of the State that could use other alternative methods for providing transportation, such as school buses to transport senior citizens and disabled persons when those school buses are not otherwise being used by the school that owns them; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve in section 8 in the last line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "funds." and inserting in its place the following: 'funds; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 8 the following:

'Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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Transportation for Senior Citizens and

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the Disabled

2	Personal Services	\$880
4	All Other	3,000

6 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
 8 of legislative members and other eligible
 10 members of the Commission to Study Ways to
 and the Disabled and to print the required
 report.

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14	TOTAL	<u>\$3,880'</u>

16 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
 18 summary the following:

20 **FISCAL NOTE**

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24 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

26	General Fund	\$3,880
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28 The Legislature will require an additional General Fund
 30 appropriation of \$3,880 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the per diem
 and expenses of legislative members and other eligible members of
 32 the Commission to Study Ways to Improve Transportation for Senior
 Citizens and the Disabled and to print the required report.

34 The additional costs associated with providing staffing
 36 assistance to the commission during the interim between
 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing
 38 existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting
 deadline is granted and the commission requires staffing
 40 assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may
 require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for
 staff services.'

44 **SUMMARY**

46 This amendment clarifies that in making the legislative
 48 appointments to the study commission, the President of the Senate
 and the Speaker of the House shall give preference to members of
 the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The amendment
 50 reduces the number from 2 to one for representatives from local

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2 areas on aging, the Maine Council of Senior Citizens and school
superintendents and adds a representative from the Maine
4 Association of Pupil Transportation and the Maine Retirement
Industry Advisory Council and a representative of a statewide
6 organization that represents persons with disabilities. The
amendment also broadens the scope of the pilot program to include
8 other methods for providing transportation in addition to the use
of school buses.

10 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.